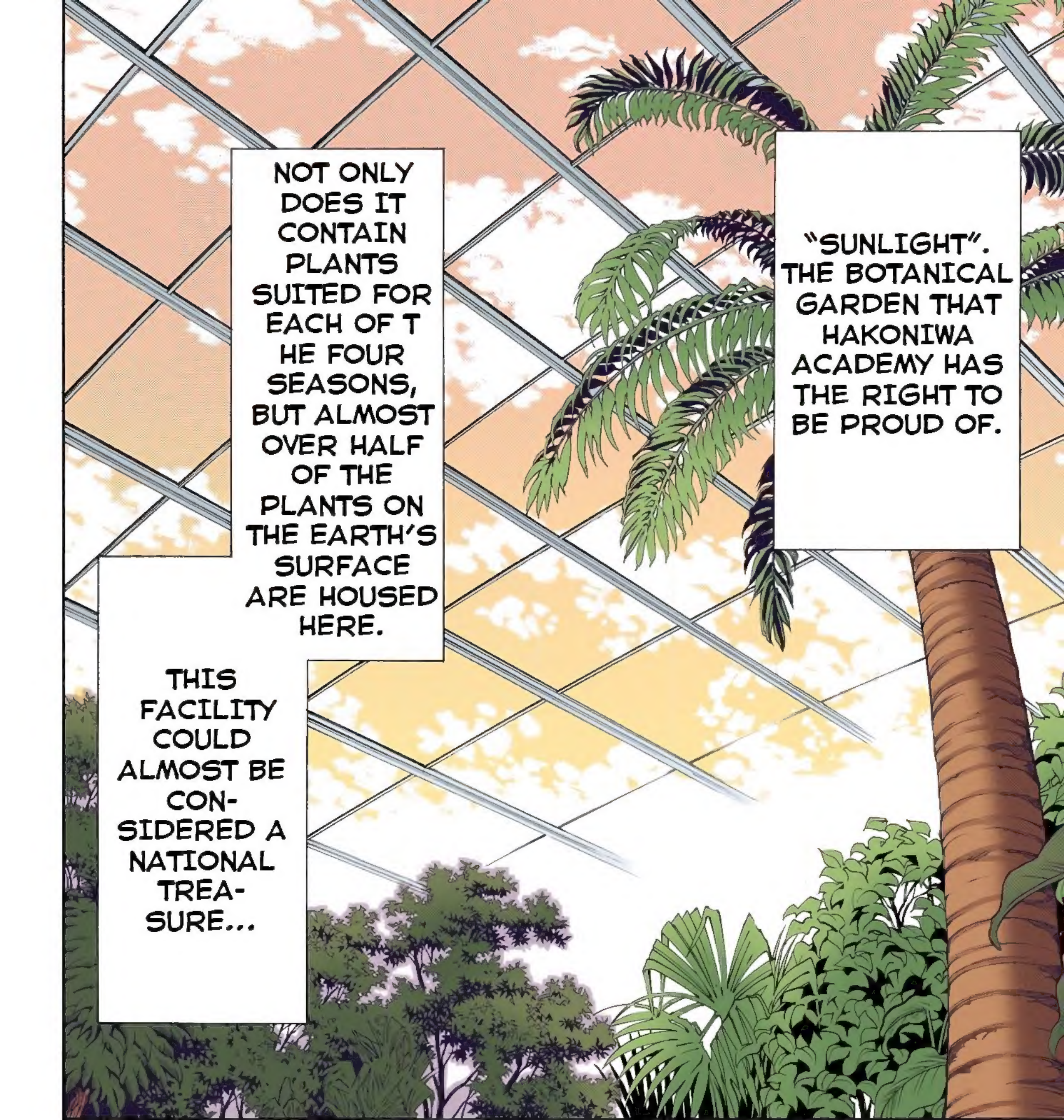




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「ちょうどいいハンデでしょ」



NOT ONLY DOES IT CONTAIN PLANTS SUITED FOR EACH OF THE FOUR SEASONS, BUT ALMOST OVER HALF OF THE PLANTS ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE ARE HOUSED HERE.

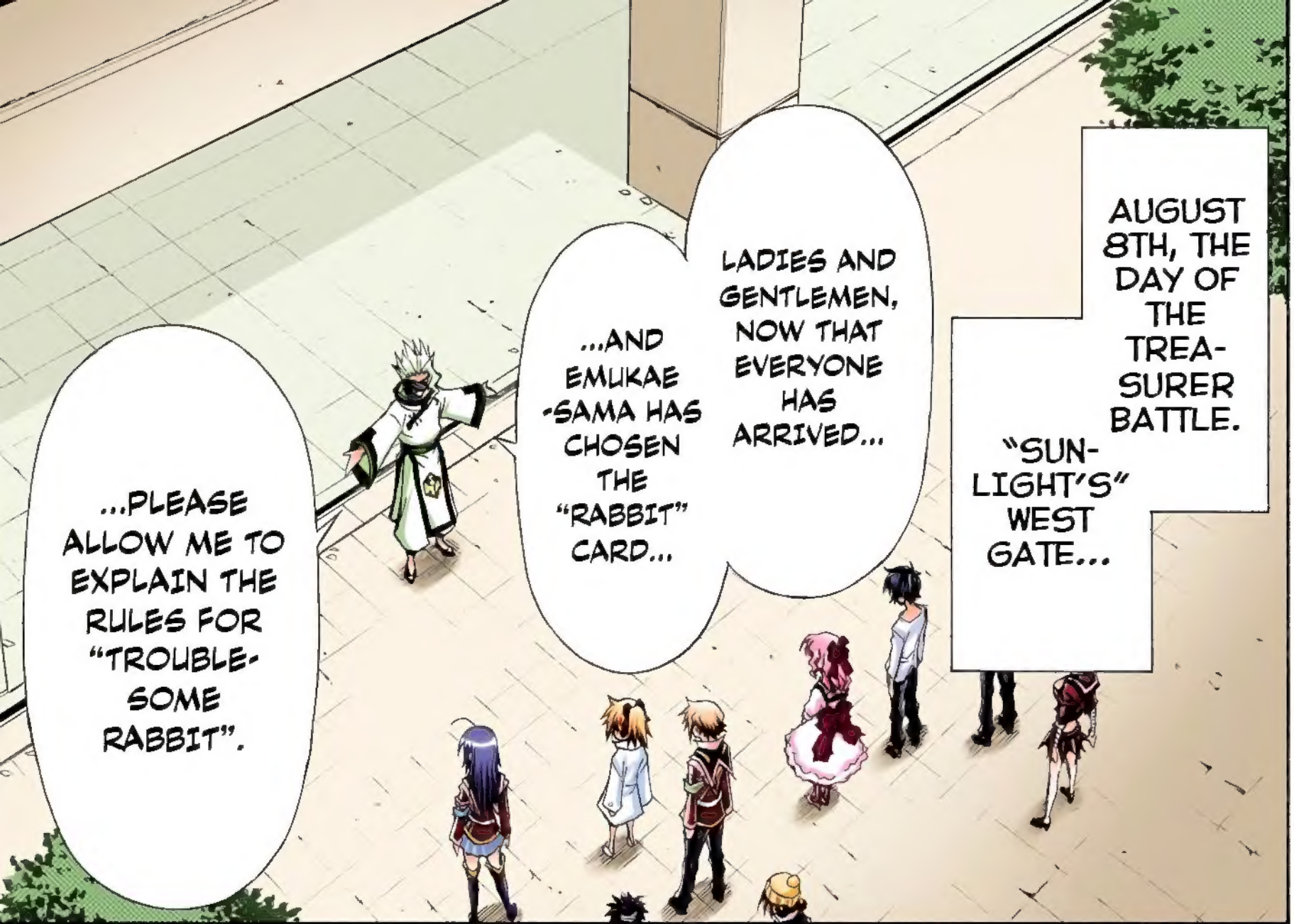
"SUNLIGHT". THE BOTANICAL GARDEN THAT HAKONIWA ACADEMY HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF.

THIS FACILITY COULD ALMOST BE CONSIDERED A NATIONAL TREASURE...



THE THIRD PHASE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL BATTLE, THE TREASURER BATTLE.

TODAY'S RULES ARE "TROUBLE-SOME RABBIT" ...



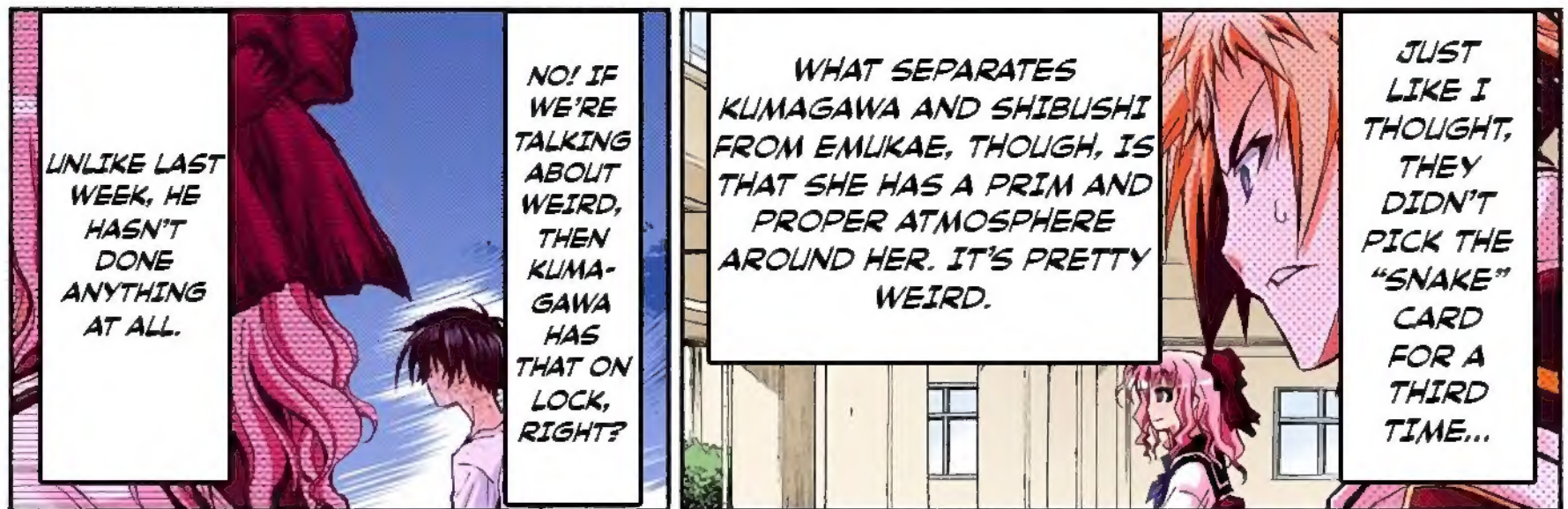
...PLEASE
ALLOW ME TO
EXPLAIN THE
RULES FOR
"TROUBLE-
SOME
RABBIT".

...AND
EMUKAE
-SAMA HAS
CHOSEN
THE
"RABBIT"
CARD...

LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN,
NOW THAT
EVERYONE
HAS
ARRIVED...

AUGUST
8TH, THE
DAY OF
THE
TREA-
Surer
BATTLE.

"SUN-
LIGHT'S"
WEST
GATE...



UNLIKE LAST
WEEK, HE
HASN'T
DONE
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

NO! IF
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
WEIRD,
THEN KUMA-
GAWA
HAS
THAT ON
LOCK,
RIGHT?

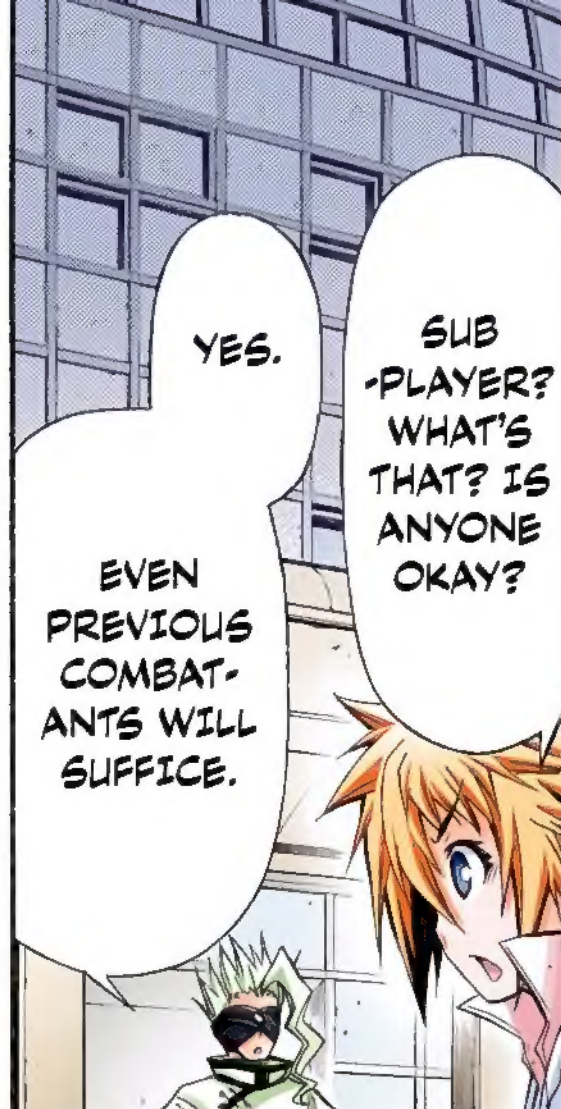
WHAT SEPARATES
KUMAGAWA AND SHIBUSHI
FROM EMIKAE, THOUGH, IS
THAT SHE HAS A PRIM AND
PROPER ATMOSPHERE
AROUND HER. IT'S PRETTY
WEIRD.

JUST
LIKE I
THOUGHT,
THEY
DIDN'T
PICK THE
"SNAKE"
CARD
FOR A
THIRD
TIME...



THIS
WEEK, HE
HAS NO
CHARISMA
AT ALL!

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YES.

EVEN
PREVIOUS
COMBAT-
ANTS WILL
SUFFICE.

SUB
-PLAYER?
WHAT'S
THAT? IS
ANYONE
OKAY?



COUNCILS,
PLEASE
SELECT ONE
SUB-PLAYER TO
PARTICIPATE
ALONGSIDE
THE MAIN
COMBATANT!

THIS WILL
BE A TAG
BATTLE!

NOW THEN!
FOR TODAY'S
BATTLE, WE
WILL REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL
PARTICIPANTS
FROM EACH
GROUP.



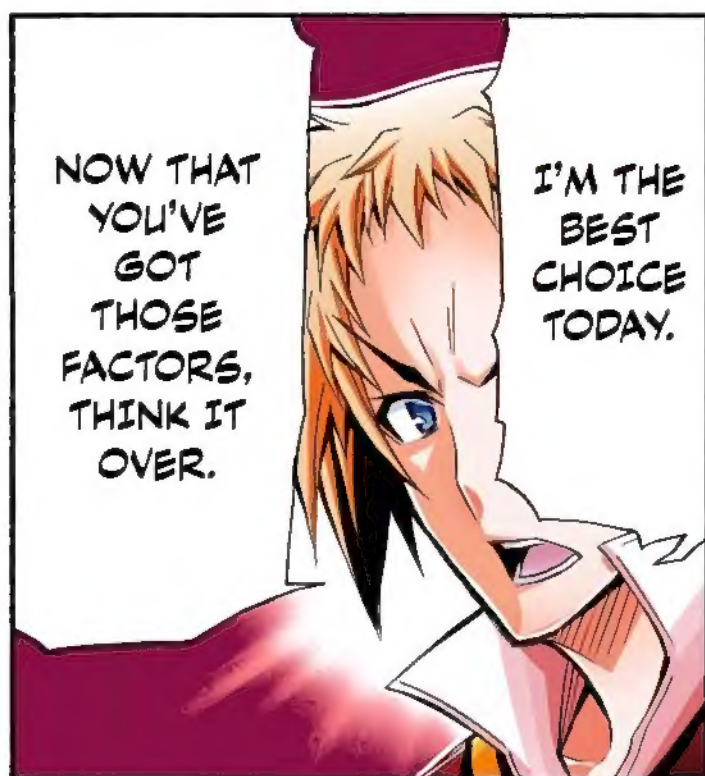
...THEN I
HAVE TO DO
IT, RIGHT?

...IF
ANYONE
IS
OKAY...



「I AM THE
LEADER,
AFTER ALL.」

「HMMMM~...
ALRIGHT,
I'LL DO IT.」



NOW THAT
YOU'VE
GOT
THOSE
FACTORS,
THINK IT
OVER.

I'M THE
BEST
CHOICE
TODAY.



NAZE-SENSEI
HASN'T FULLY
RECOVERED
FROM THE
LAST BATTLE
YET, EITHER.

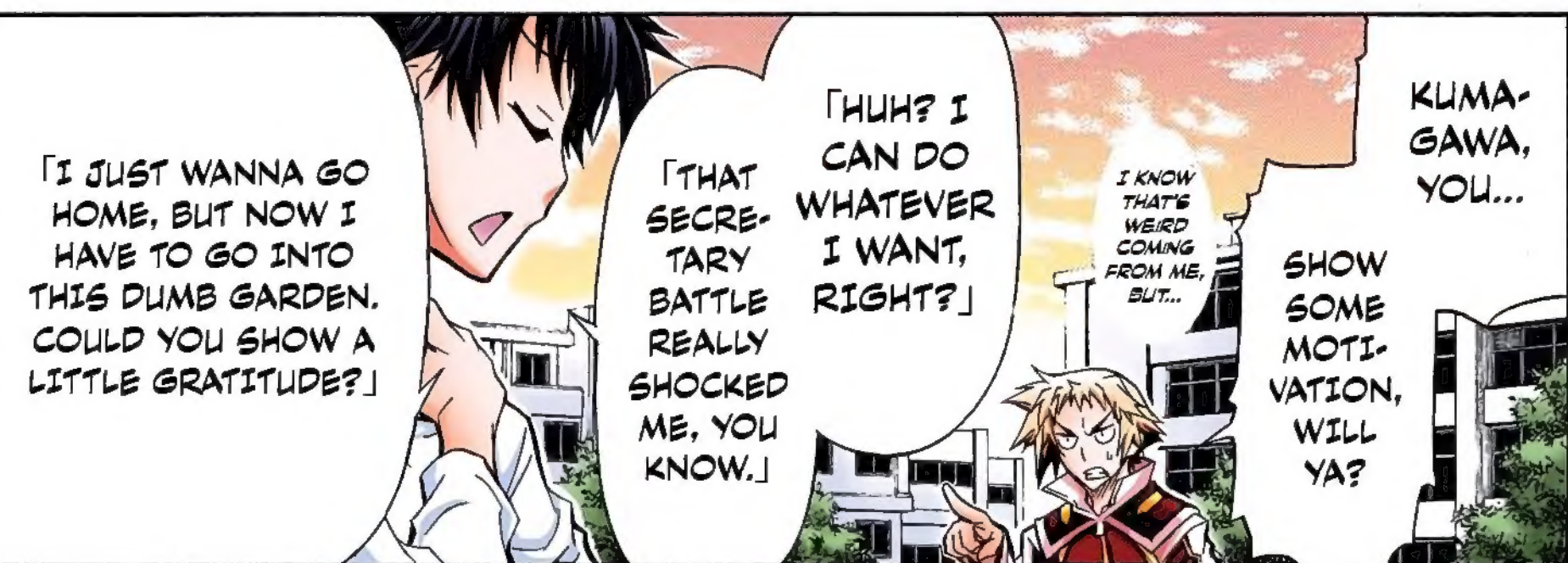
NO, DON'T
WASTE YOUR
STAMINA ON
THIS. JUST
STAY HERE.

WAIT
ZENKICHI!
IF IT'S
KUMAGAWA,
THEN I'LL...



「LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH QUICKLY.」

「C'MON. ANYONE IS ALLOWED. EVEN IF IT'S A 3 V 2.」



「I JUST WANNA GO HOME, BUT NOW I HAVE TO GO INTO THIS DUMB GARDEN. COULD YOU SHOW A LITTLE GRATITUDE?」

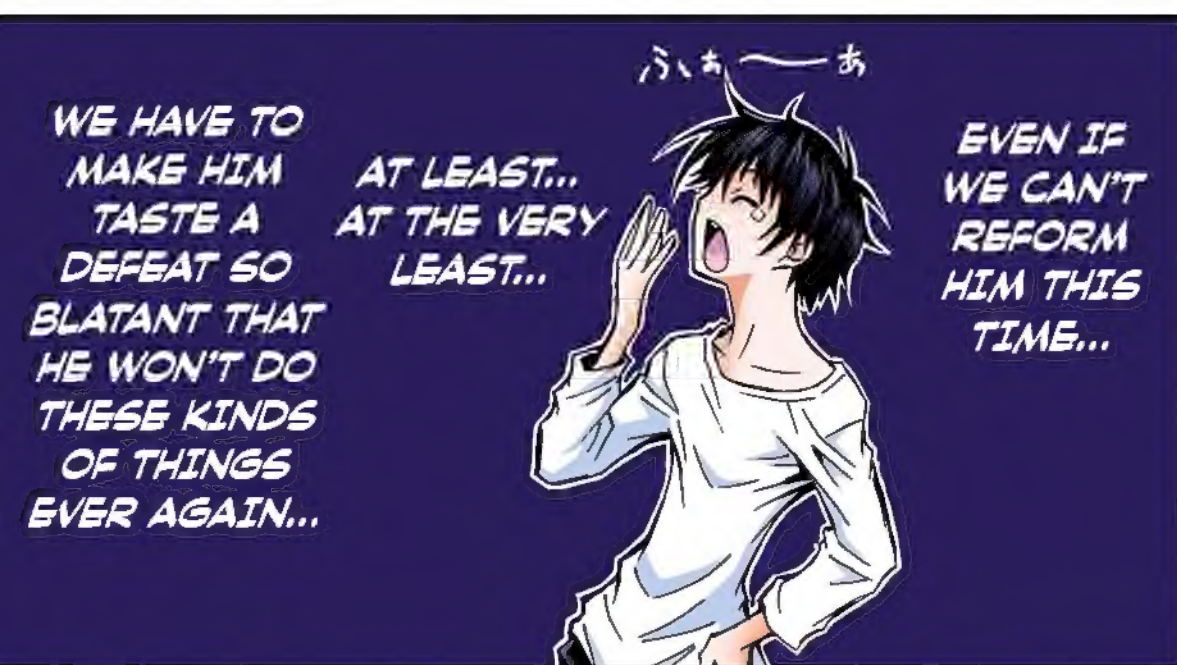
「THAT SECRETARY BATTLE REALLY SHOCKED ME, YOU KNOW.」

「HUH? I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT, RIGHT?」

I KNOW THAT'S WEIRD COMING FROM ME, BUT...

KUMA-GAWA, YOU...

SHOW SOME MOTIVATION, WILL YA?



WE HAVE TO MAKE HIM TASTE A DEFEAT SO BLATANT THAT HE WON'T DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS EVER AGAIN...

AT LEAST... AT THE VERY LEAST...

EVEN IF WE CAN'T REFORM HIM THIS TIME...



MEDAKA-CHAN DIDN'T STOP CLASS -13 FROM WITHDRAWING JUST TO FINISH OFF THIS JERK, RIGHT...?

THAT JERK! WHAT AN ANNOYING GUY!

.....



YOUR LEADER'S SLACKING OFF!

EMUKAE! YOU SAY SOMETHING TOO!



AND FOR
TODAY,
WE'RE
ENEMIES.



YOU AL-
READY
KNEW THAT
KUMA-
GAWA-SAN
IS A CAPRI-
CIOUS
PERSON,
RIGHT?

...PLEASE
STOP
TALKING
TO ME,
HITO-
YOSHI-
KUN.

.....



NO,
THAT'S
RIGHT,
BUT...

MOM
...



YOU DIDN'T
TAKE THAT
CONFESSION
SERIOUSLY,
DID YOU?

EMUKAE-
CHAN IS
COMP-
LETELY
UNDER
KUMA-
GAWA-
KUN'S
CONTROL
NOW.

STOP,
ZENKI-
CHI-
KUN.



.....



YOU TAKE
CARE AS
WELL,
HITO-
YOSHI-
SENSEI.

UNDER-
STOOD.



THERE'S
ALWAYS A
POSSIBILITY
THAT KUMA-
GAWA-KUN'S
SLACKING OFF
IS A BLUFF.

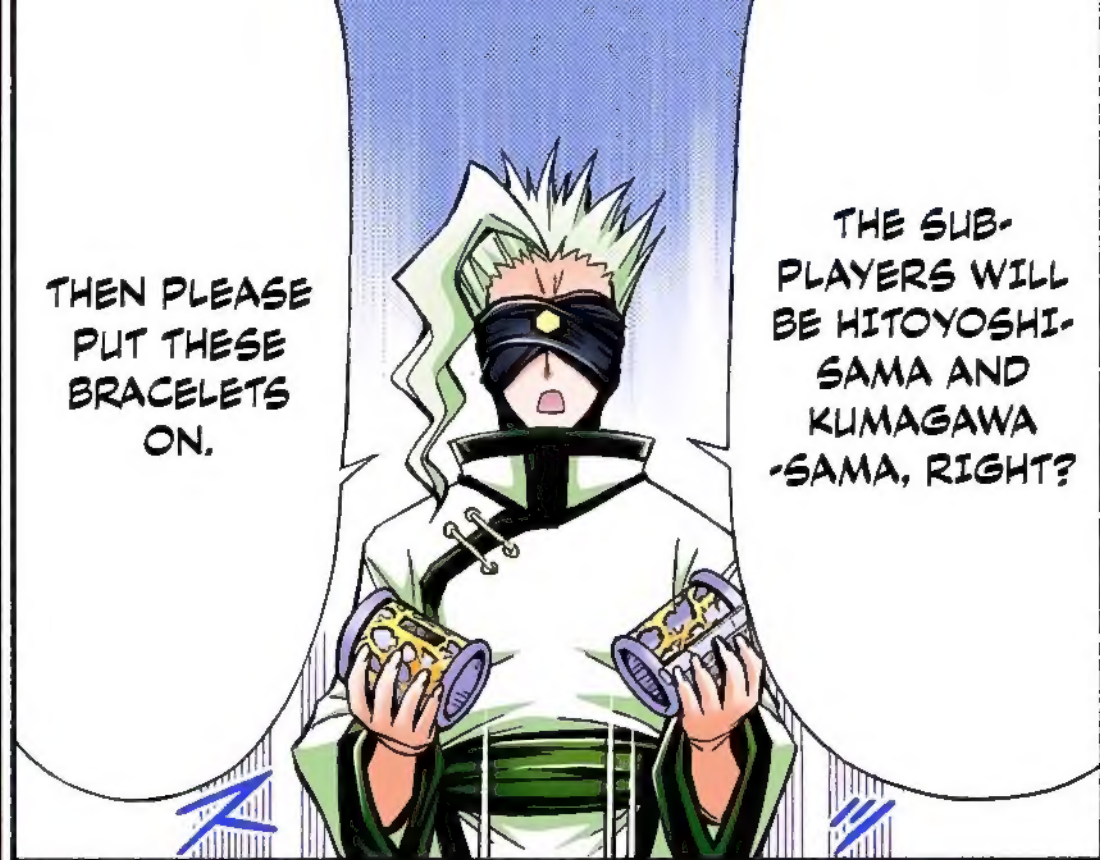
BE
ON
GUARD!

MEDAKA-
CHAN!



WHAT IS
THIS
THING,
CHOJA-
BARU
-SENPAI?

...THIS
IS
KIND
OF
GROSS
...



THEN PLEASE
PUT THESE
BRACELETS
ON.

THE SUB-
PLAYERS WILL
BE HITOYOSHI-
SAMA AND
KUMAGAWA
-SAMA, RIGHT?



THESE
ARE...

TICKING
TIME
BOMBS.



THE BATTLE
WILL
BEGIN
MOMEN-
TARILY.

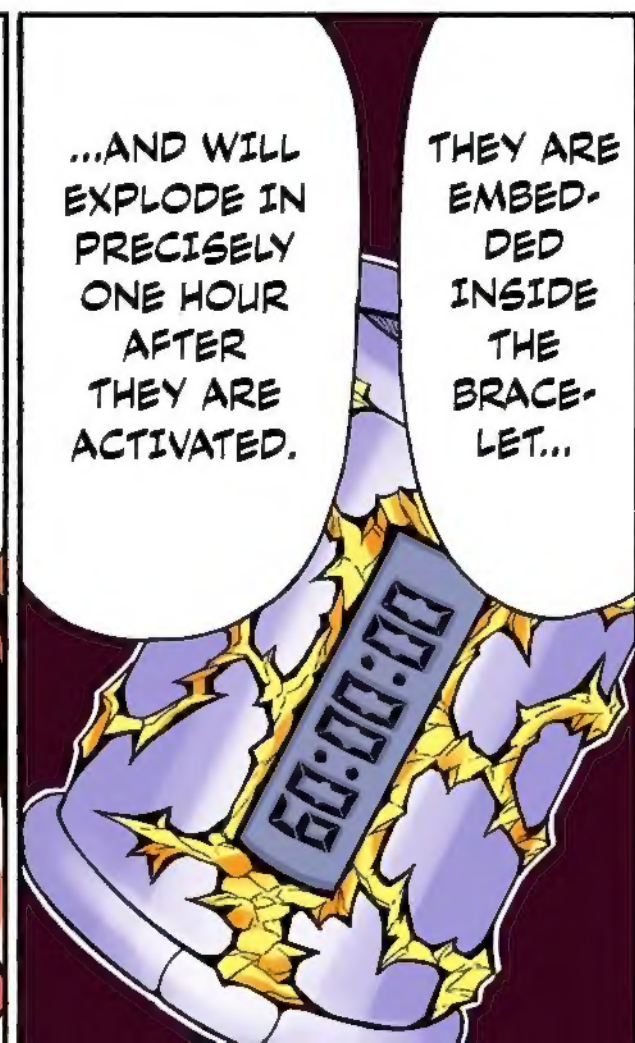
YES.

NOW
PLEASE
HURRY AND
PUT THEM
ON.



YOU'D JUST
LET THEM
WEAR SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT?!

A
BOMB...
?!
YOU'RE
KID-
DING!!



...AND WILL
EXPLODE IN
PRECISELY
ONE HOUR
AFTER
THEY ARE
ACTIVATED.

THEY ARE
EMBED-
DED
INSIDE
THE
BRACE-
LET...

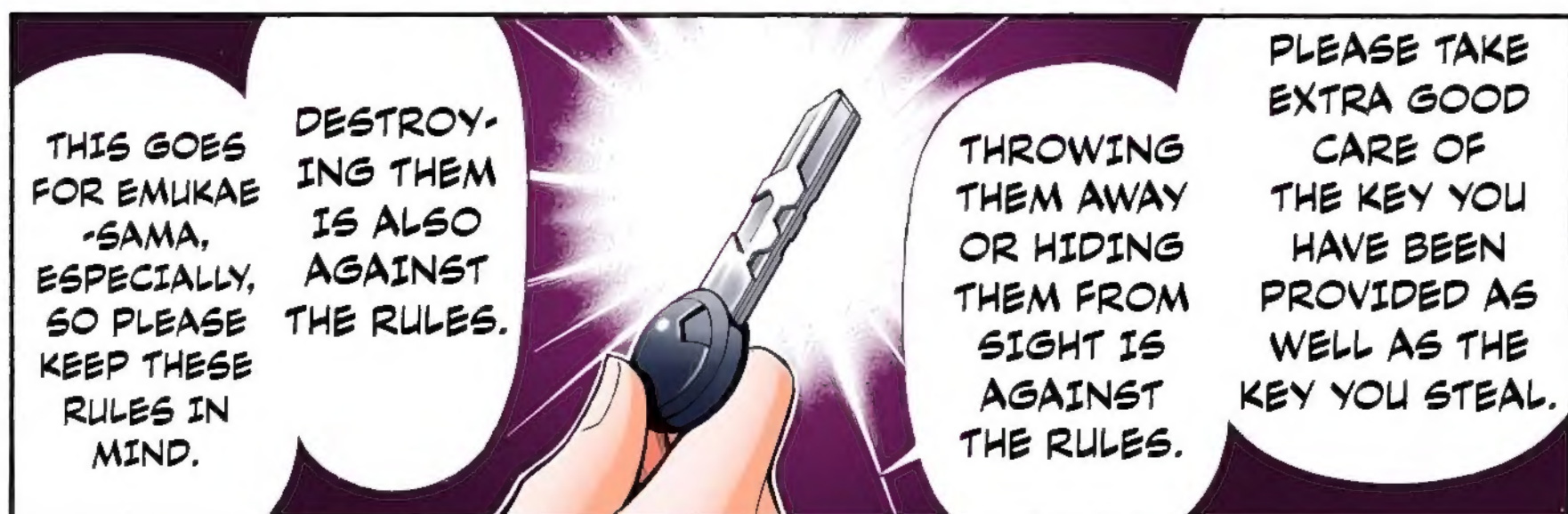


USING ANY
METHOD,
SIMPLY STEAL
THE KEY
FROM YOUR
OPPONENT AND
SAVE YOUR
PARTNER.

THE TEAM
THAT CAN
SAVE THEIR
PARTNER
FIRST SHALL
BE THE
VICTORS.

...AND THE
OTHER
HITO-
YOSHI-
SAMA
WILL BE
GIVEN THE
KEY TO
KUMA-
GAWA-
SAMA'S
BRACELET.

EMUKAE-
SAMA WILL
BE GIVEN
THE KEY TO
HITO-
YOSHI-
SAMA'S
BRACELET...



THIS GOES
FOR EMUKAE-
SAMA,
ESPECIALLY,
SO PLEASE
KEEP THESE
RULES IN
MIND.

DESTROY-
ING THEM
IS ALSO
AGAINST
THE RULES.

THROWING
THEM AWAY
OR HIDING
THEM FROM
SIGHT IS
AGAINST
THE RULES.

PLEASE TAKE
EXTRA GOOD
CARE OF
THE KEY YOU
HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED AS
WELL AS THE
KEY YOU STEAL.



THESE
RULES
PRO-
BABLY
SOUNDED
BETTER
ON
PAPER!

HMPM...
SO YOU'RE FIGHTING
FOR YOUR PARTNER'S
LIFE... NOT YOUR OWN...
THEY'RE MORE LIKE
HOSTAGES THAN
PARTNERS...

IT WILL BE
A SIMPLE
BATTLE IN
THAT
REGARD.

1. THE TIME
LIMIT
2. PROTECTING
YOUR
TEAM'S KEY
3. STEALING
THE OTHER
TEAM'S KEY
4. SAVING
YOUR
PARTNER

PLEASE
REMEMBER
THESE FOUR
THINGS:

THIS GOES BEYOND A SIMPLE BATTLE! WE CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN A GAME WHERE SOMEONE IS GUARANTEED TO DIE!!

WAIT A MOMENT, SECOND YEAR CHOJA-BARU!

EVEN AFTER THE BATTLE, ONE TEAM'S BRACELET IS SURE TO EXPLODE, RIGHT?

THEY WILL ONLY EXPLODE IF TIME RUNS OUT.

THE TIMER IS SET FOR ONE HOUR.

THE OTHER BRACELET'S COUNTDOWN CLOCK IS PROGRAMED TO STOP AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FIRST ONE.

FROM THE MOMENT ONE OF THE BRACELETS IS DEACTIVATED, THE BATTLE WILL BE OVER.

WORRY NOT, KURO-KAMI-SAMA.

KUMAGAWA! EVEN YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY ACCE-

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! THE CASUALTIES MIGHT EVEN EXCEED PAST THE PEOPLE WEARING THE BRACELETS!!

I'M STILL LOST, THOUGH... I STUDIED A LOT ABOUT KUROBAKO CRAM SCHOOL'S OLD RULES, BUT THERE ARE STILL SO MANY LOOPHOLES!

GIVING THE OPPONENT THE KEY WITHOUT A COMPETITION... OR EVEN JUST USING YOUR KEY TO OPEN YOUR OPPONENT'S BRACELET ARE ALL OKAY...

...IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU THROW AWAY YOUR VICTORY, YOU CAN SAVE YOUR PARTNER...



「...HONOR
THE
RULES OF
THE
BATTLE.」

「I KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL, BUT
NOW YOU
MUST...」

「NOW DON'T
CAUSE TROUBLE
FOR CHOJA-
BARU-KUN
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
SELFISHNESS,
MEDAKA-CHAN!」

「YOU
REALLY
SHOULD
KEEP THAT
PART OF
YOU IN
CHECK.」



SO WHY
THE
HELL...?

NO...
KUMAGAWA
ISN'T SOME-
ONE YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND
THAT EASILY.
HE'S SOME-
ONE THAT
THINKS AS
LITTLE AS
LIFE AS HE
DOES ABOUT
DEATH
THANKS
TO "ALL
FICTION"!

IS IT
BECAUSE
OF THE
BOMBS?

WHAT IS
WITH THIS
GUY!? WHAT
PART OF THE
RULES GOT
HIM
PUMPED UP
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

HIS
CHARISMA'S
BACK...?



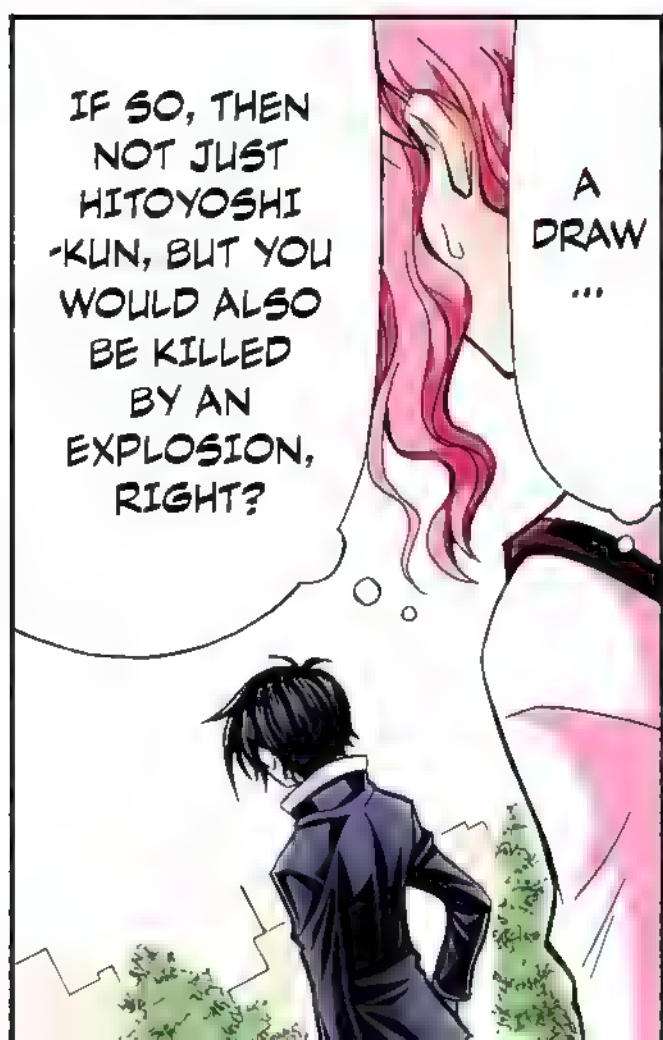
KUMA-
GAWA
-SAN?

.....



「...JUST
FORGET
ABOUT IT.」

「I'M SORRY,
MUKAE-CHAN.
ABOUT OUR
VICTORY IN
TODAY'S
BATTLE...」



IF SO, THEN
NOT JUST
HITOYOSHI
-KUN, BUT YOU
WOULD ALSO
BE KILLED
BY AN
EXPLOSION,
RIGHT?

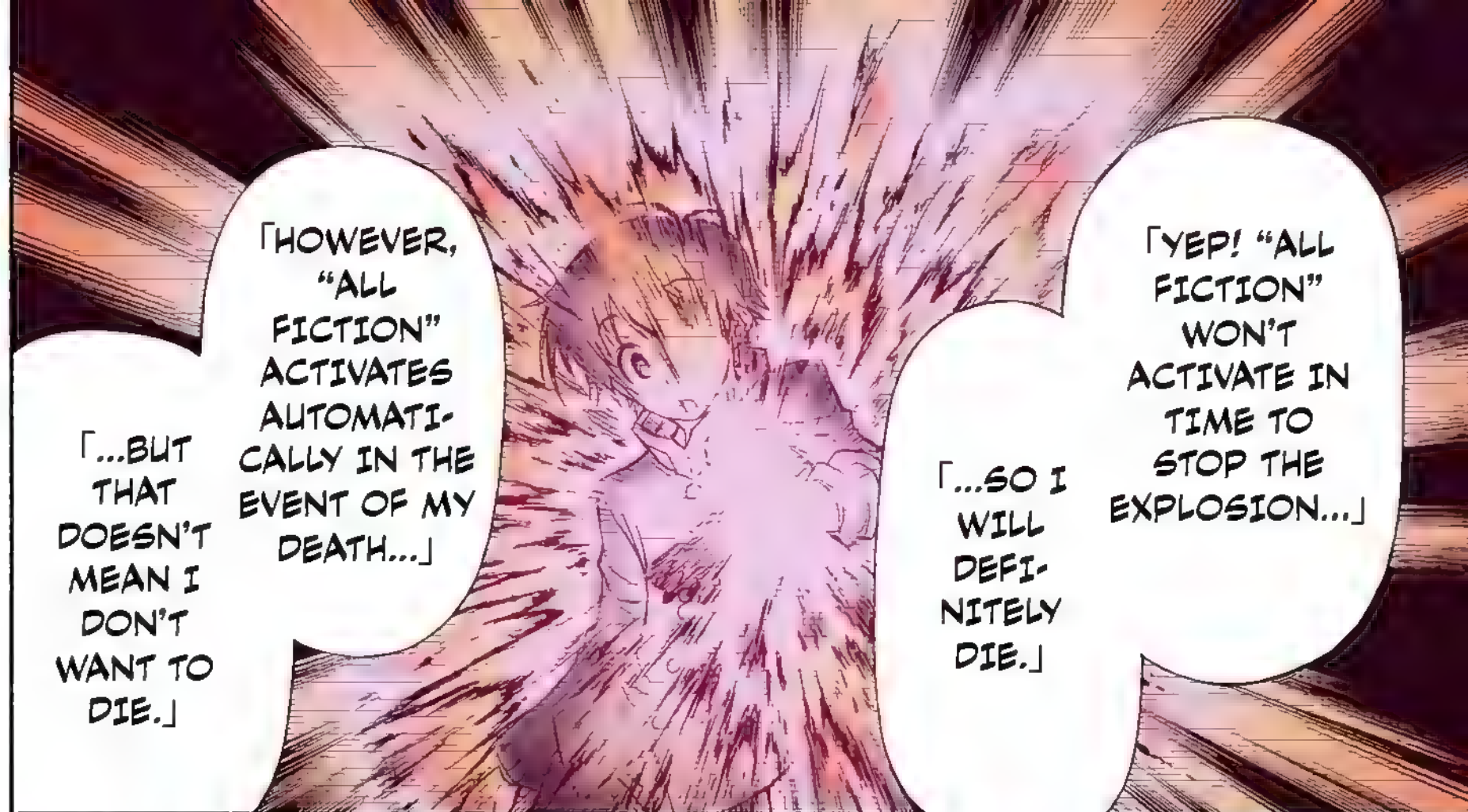
A
DRAW
...



「FIGHT
FOR A
DRAW.」

「SIMPLY
STALL
FOR
TIME.」

「EVEN SO,
I'M NOT
TELLING
YOU TO
LOSE.」

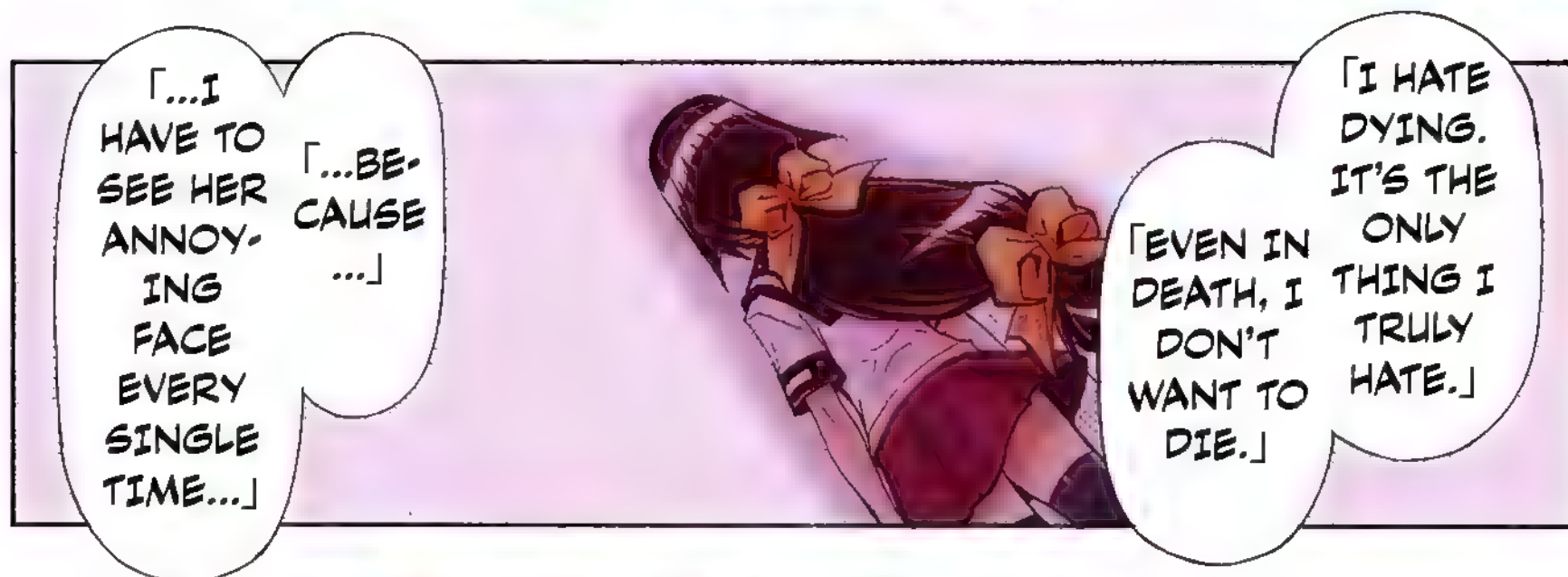


「...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T WANT TO DIE.」

「HOWEVER, "ALL FICTION" ACTIVATES AUTOMATICALLY IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH...」

「...SO I WILL DEFINITELY DIE.」

「YEP! "ALL FICTION" WON'T ACTIVATE IN TIME TO STOP THE EXPLOSION...」

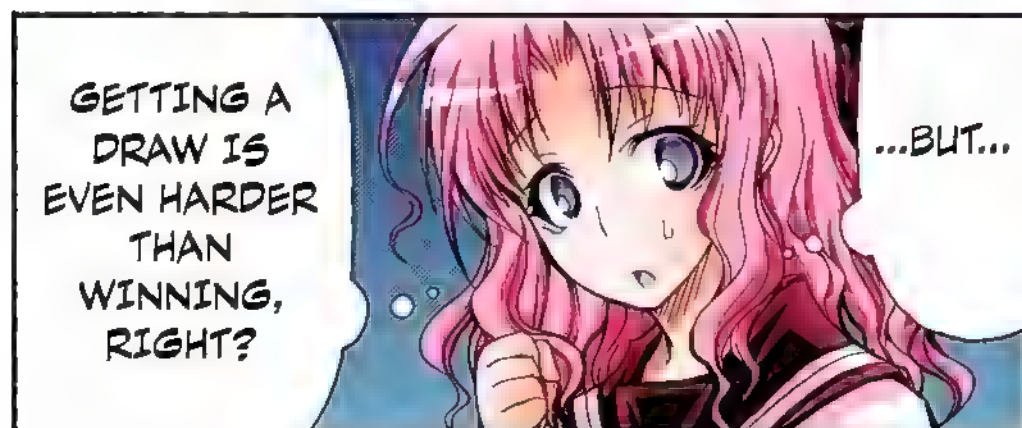


「...I HAVE TO SEE HER ANNOYING FACE EVERY SINGLE TIME...」

「...BECAUSE...」

「EVEN IN DEATH, I DON'T WANT TO DIE.」

「I HATE DYING. IT'S THE ONLY THING I TRULY HATE.」



GETTING A DRAW IS EVEN HARDER THAN WINNING, RIGHT?

...BUT...



「AS YOUR PARTNER, I'LL SUPPORT YOU AS WELL AS I CAN!」

「DON'T WORRY, MUKAE-CHAN.」



「IT'S ALSO A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE TO CONFIRM...」

「...BUT I CAN ENDURE IT FOR TODAY BECAUSE IT'LL BE UNAVOIDABLE.」

「...WHETHER ZENKI-CHI-CHAN REALLY SAW HER OR NOT...」



**KUMAGAWA
-KUN, YOU
HAVE TO
ANSWER
ONE
QUESTION
HONESTLY!**

**IF I WIN
AGAINST
EMUKAE
-CHAN
TODAY...**



「PLEASE
GO OUT
WITH ME
TOMOR-
ROW!」



「IN
EXCHANGE,
IF EMUKAE
-CHAN WINS
AGAINST
YOU...」

「...BUT I
UNDER-
STAND.」



「ONE
QUESTION...
HOW SCARY.
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
YOU'LL ASK
ME...」

**SECOND,
KUMAGAWA
-SENPAI IS
TOO GOOD AT
PRESSURING
OTHERS.**



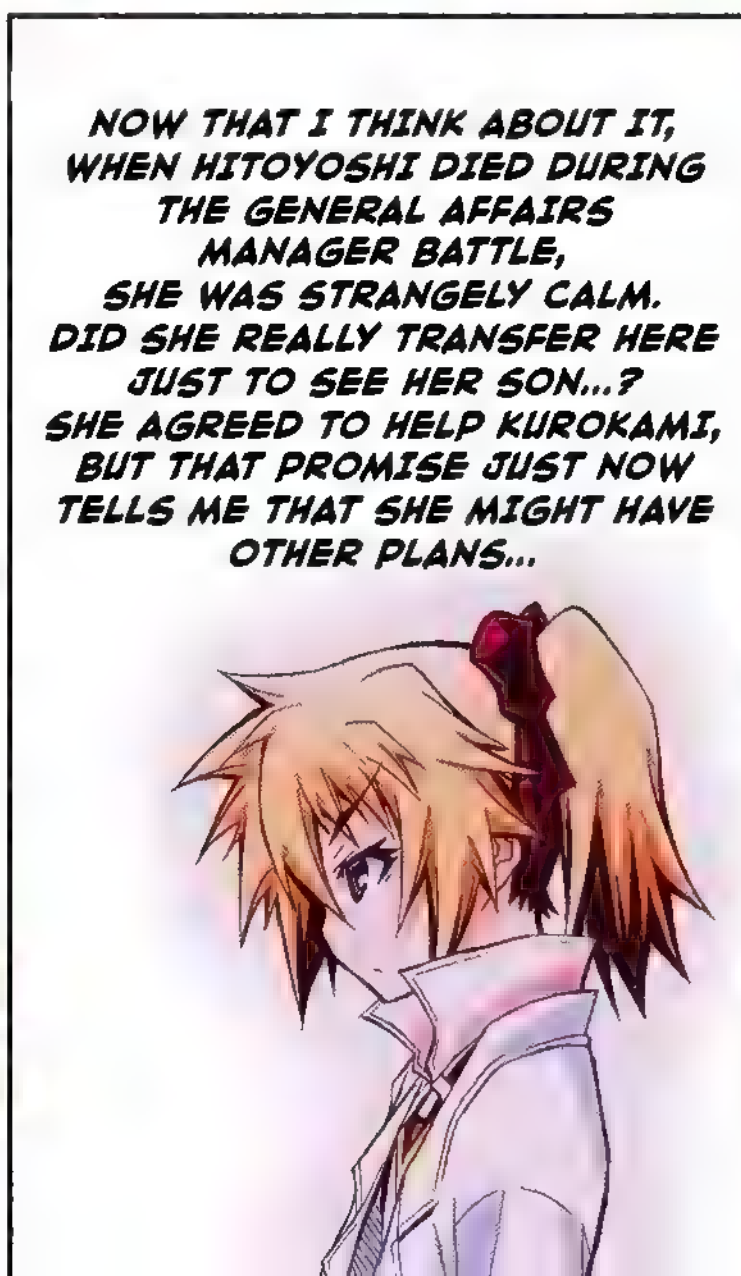
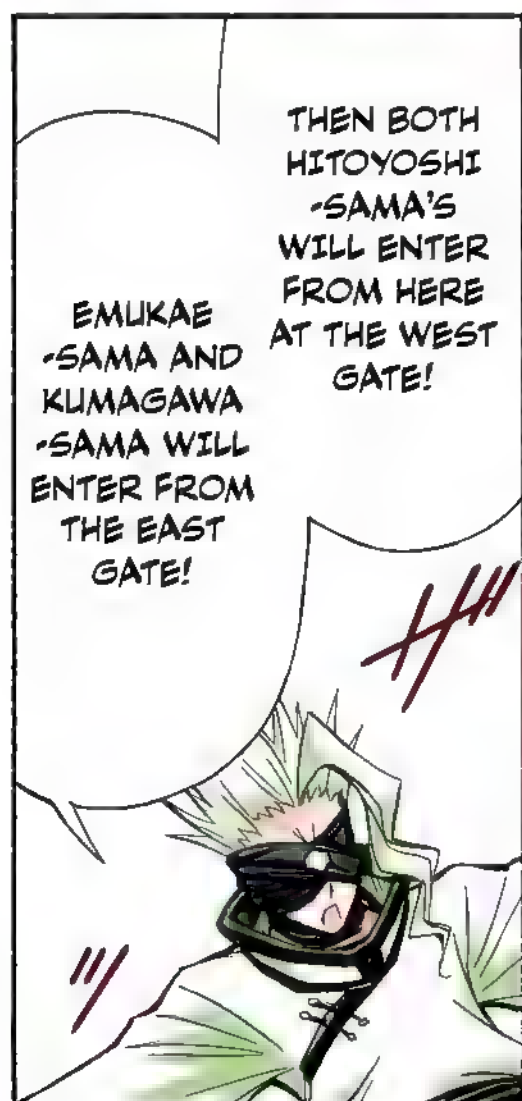
**FIRST
OFF, EW.**

「...BUT I
PREFER
ALL
BLACK,
LIKE
YOU'RE IN
MOURN-
ING.」

「YOU
CAN
DRESS
ANY WAY
YOU
WANT...」



**EVEN THEN, THERE'S STILL NO WAY THAT
A MOTHER COULD POSSIBLY BE OKAY
WITH FIGHTING WHILE HER
SON IS WEARING A BOMB.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S
PLANNING ON ASKING...
...AND I'M NOT KUROKAMI, BUT I
THINK I HAVE TO CHANGE
THE RULES SOMEHOW...**

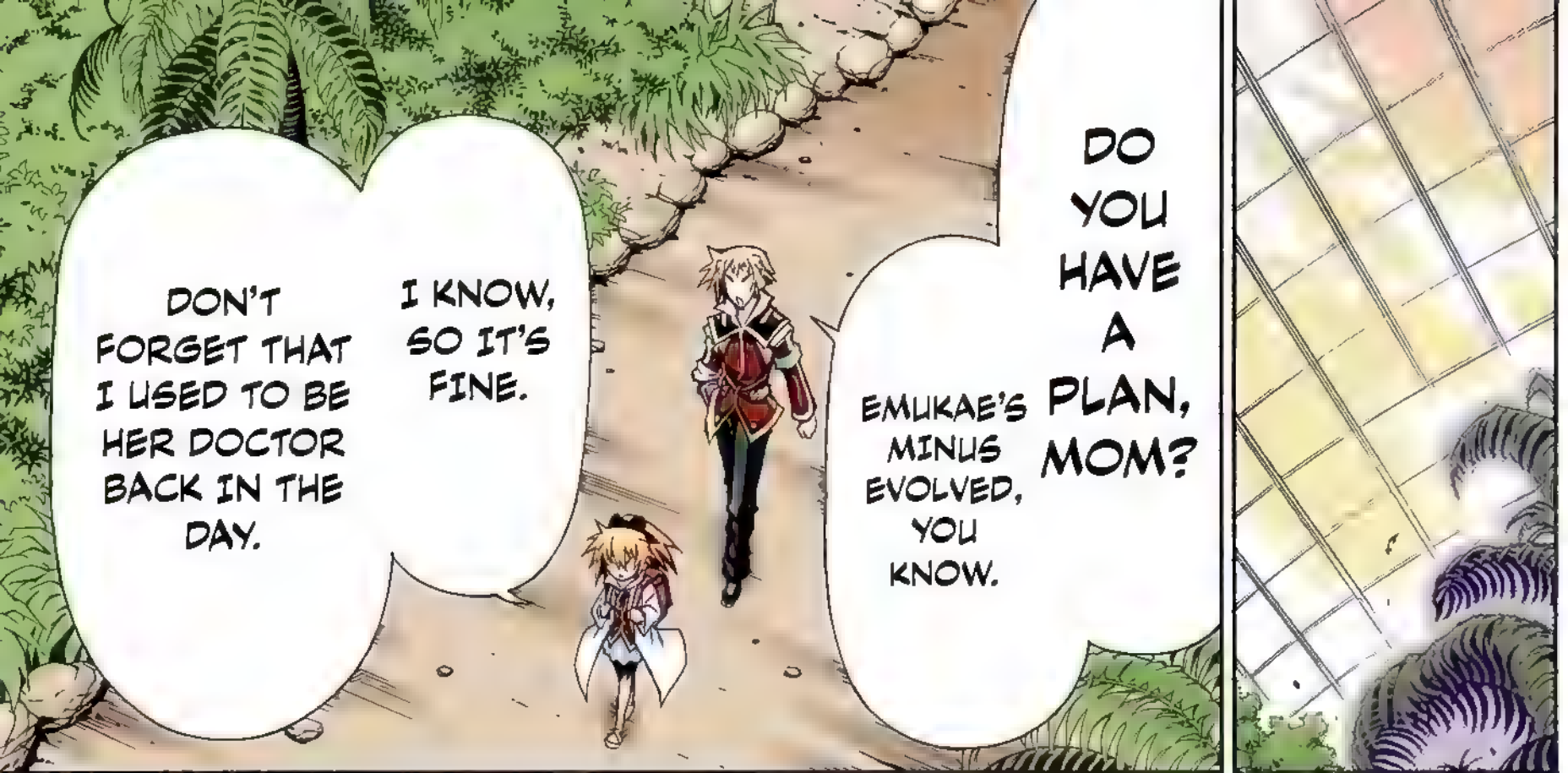


**...HAS
BEGUN!**

**THE TREA-
Surer
BATTLE,
"TROUBLE-
SOME
RABBIT"...**



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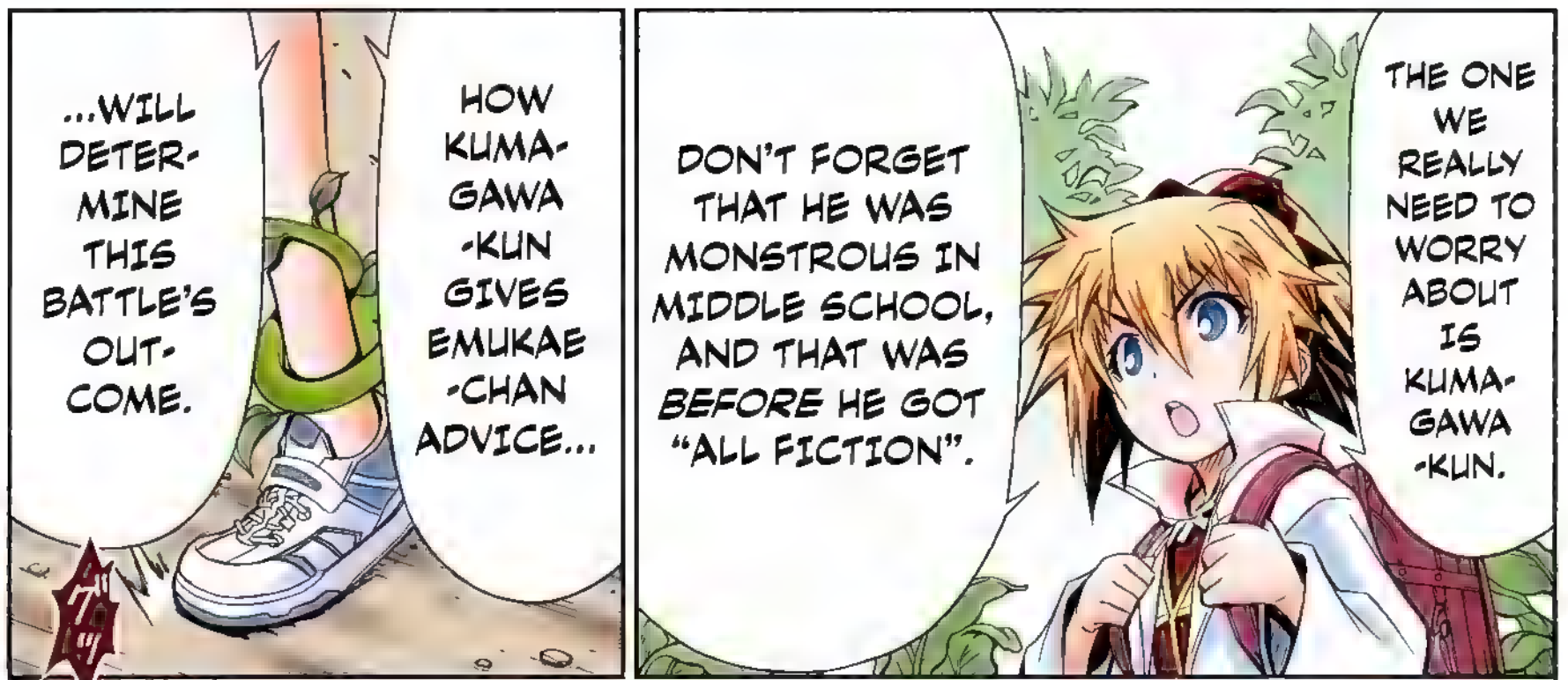


DON'T FORGET THAT I USED TO BE HER DOCTOR BACK IN THE DAY.

I KNOW, SO IT'S FINE.

EMUKAE'S MINUS EVOLVED, YOU KNOW.

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN, MOM?



...WILL DETERMINE THIS BATTLE'S OUT-COME.

HOW KUMA-GAWA-KUN GIVES EMUKAE-CHAN ADVICE...

DON'T FORGET THAT HE WAS MONSTROUS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND THAT WAS BEFORE HE GOT "ALL FICTION".

THE ONE WE REALLY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS KUMA-GAWA-KUN.



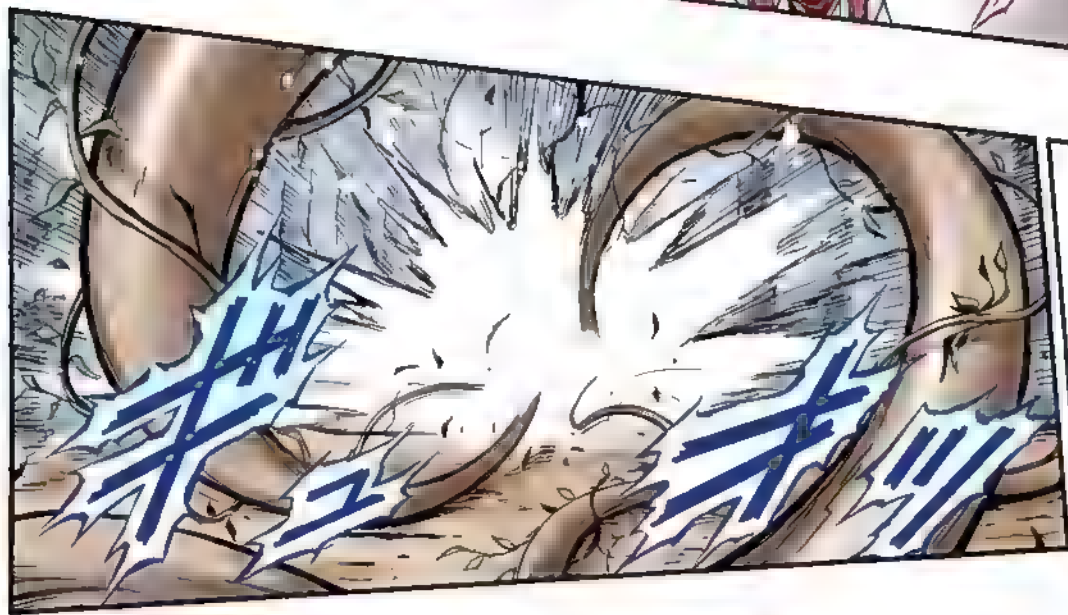
AT LEAST CLEAN THE WEEDS!!

OWWW! WHAT ARE THEY CARING FOR THIS GARDEN PROPERLY?!

H-HEY ...

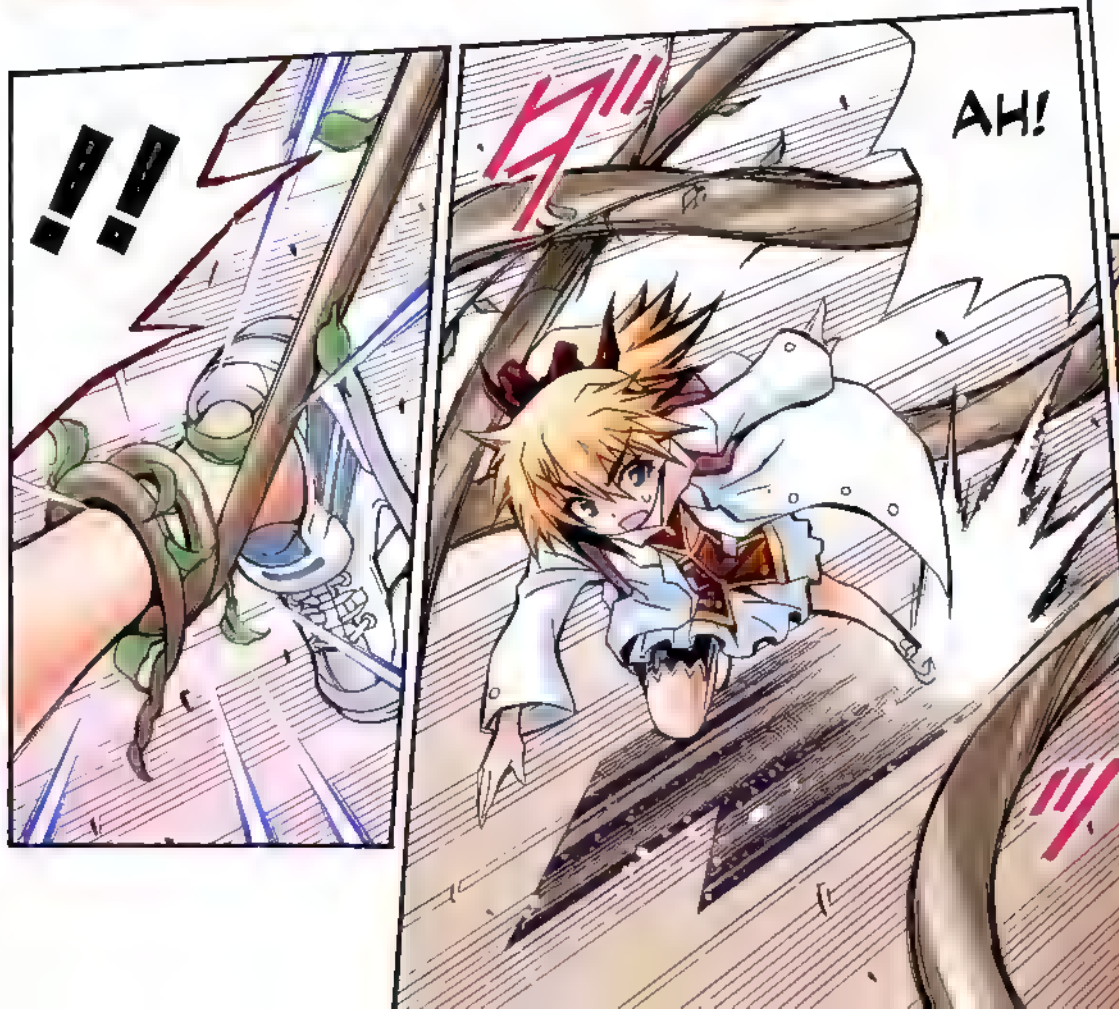
INSTEAD OF THINKING ABOUT KUMAGAWA, YOU SHOULD WATCH WHERE YOU STEP, MOM...

HA HA!



THEY'RE
GROWING
ABNOR-
MALLY
FAST..?!

WHAT
THE
...?!
THE
PLANTS
IN THE
GARDEN!



AH!



THE
PLANTS
...

URGH
...

THEY'RE
ATTACK-
ING US
LIKE
THEY'VE
GOT A
WILL OF
THEIR
OWN...?!

WHAT
THE
HELL...!
HOW?!

BUT
THAT'S
NOT POS-
SIBLE!

WRONG!
THEY'RE
BEING
CON-
TROLLED!

HOW CAN
EMUKAE
-CHAN'S
"RAFF
-RAFFLESIA"
DO THIS...?!





「ROTTING
THE
EARTH.」



「THIS IS
HOW TO
USE A
MINUS.」

「DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND,
MUKAE
-CHAN?」

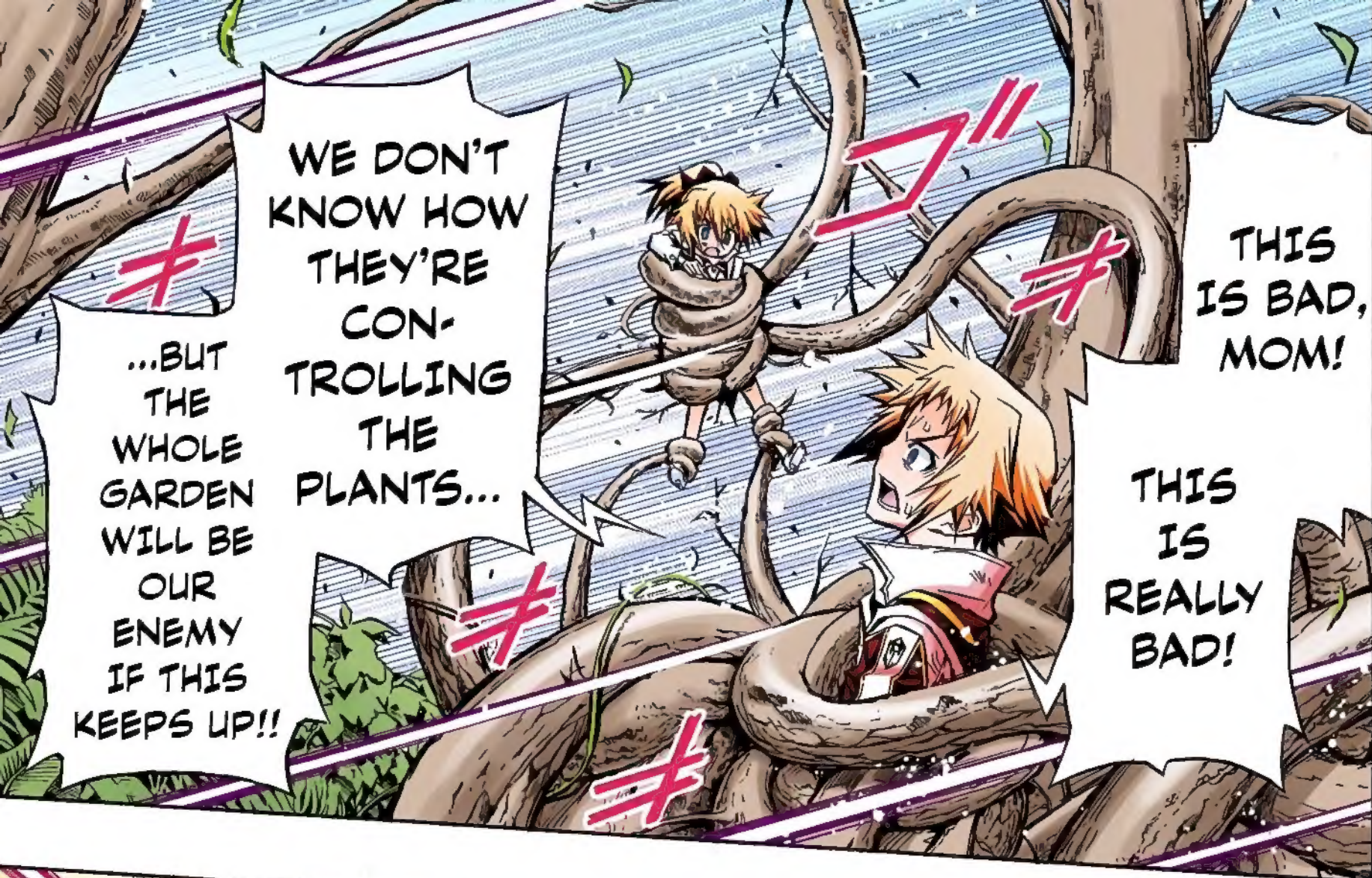
「LET'S CALL
THIS...
"RAFF
-RAFFLESIA:
TWISTED
VERSION!"」



「THE EARTH
IS FULL OF
DEAD
MATTER,
AFTER ALL.」

「IN OTHER
WORDS,
CREATING
HUMUS.」

「MANIPU-
LATING THE
EARTH IS
THE SAME
AS MANIPU-
LATING THE
PLANTS.」

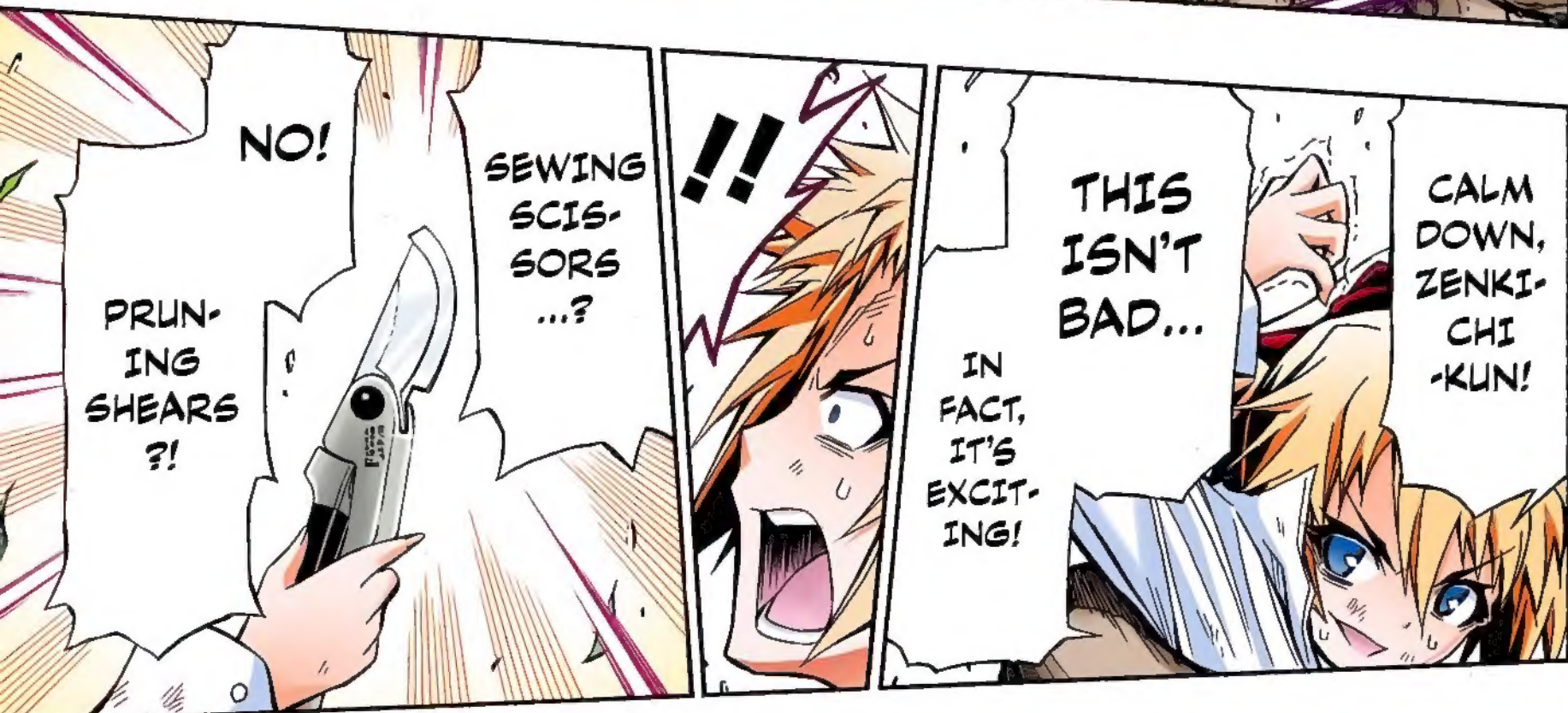


WE DON'T
KNOW HOW
THEY'RE
CON-
TROLLING
THE
PLANTS...

...BUT
THE
WHOLE
GARDEN
WILL BE
OUR
ENEMY
IF THIS
KEEPS UP!!

THIS
IS BAD,
MOM!

THIS
IS
REALLY
BAD!



NO!

PRUN-
ING
SHEARS
?!

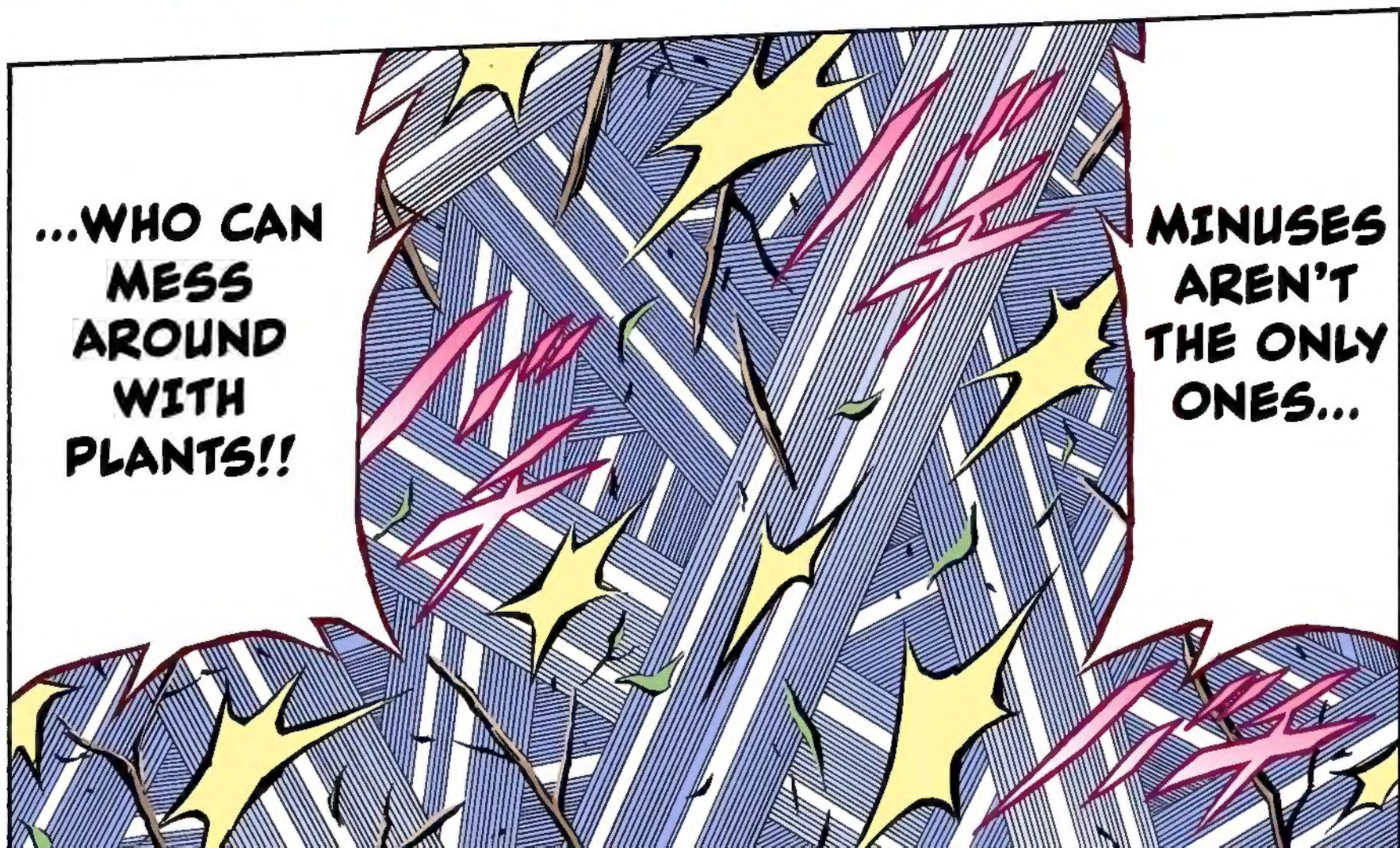
SEWING
SCIS-
SORS
...?

!!

THIS
ISN'T
BAD...

IN
FACT,
IT'S
EXCIT-
ING!

CALM
DOWN,
ZENKI-
CHI
-KUN!



...WHO CAN
MESS
AROUND
WITH
PLANTS!!

MINUSES
AREN'T
THE ONLY
ONES...

MOTHER'S TASK:

GARDENING GUARDIAN!



